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TODAY'S FEATURES

Cuba.
The junta has authentic information that Maceo was ambushed while on his way to negotiate plans for a cessation of hostilities and that the plan was prearranged. Dr. Zetocha playing the part of Judas.

Spain thinks the rebellion must be crushed by force of arms in order to secure peace of the Spanish kind. Major Cirujeda, who ambushed Maceo, will be rewarded by the queen regent.

Spaniards still claiming remarkable victories over the insurgents.

Spanish legislation in Washington informed of Weyler's return to Havana from Pinar Del Rio.

Cuban and Spanish officials deny that Maceo was ambushed and assassinated. Passengers from Havana say that Maceo was betrayed, but escaped, and a mulatto resembling him was killed.

Foreign.
Rottenness in the detective force of Germany showing up. All the higher officials at outs over the revelations.

Many complaints of the tonnage tax levied by the United States.

England solicited about the treaty between China and Russia.

Motor traffic to be established between Manchester and Liverpool.

Trouble between the Northwestern railroad of England and its employees settled. Warning to the captain of the Valencia not to put in at Valencia, Spain.

Washington.
Secretary Olney acting slowly in the matter of recognizing the new union of Central American states.

Republican members of the ways and means committee held another caucus on the proposed tariff legislation for the extra session.

The Turkish minister has made no complaint against the language used in President Cleveland's message.

Senator Teller arrives at the Capital, but declines to be interviewed.

No serious difficulties have been encountered in the Venezuelan arbitration.

Sport.
The second eleven of the State University defeat the Y. M. C. A. football team of San Antonio, 2 to 0.

A. and M. college defeats Houston, 28 to 9.

The Missouri Tigers defeat Dallas, 20 to 6.

The Markets.
Cotton futures markedly lower at New York and New Orleans, Liverpool higher.

Houston merchants report a big business for the past week.

Wheat in Chicago closes strong at an advance of 6c, while corn and oats are easy and 4c off.

Stock market phenomenally dull, with the close of the week showing lower prices.

State.
Walter A. Appleby arrested at Longview, charged with attempting to assault Miss Plannagan.

Party of Denver railroad officials and newspaper proprietors visit Galveston.

Teachers of Greer county petition the State legislature to validate their vouchers against the school fund for services rendered and due.

Eddie Brooks, alias Harry Sharp, a colored Waco bootblack, runs amok, wounding six people and killing one before being captured.

Question of the right of a Mexican to vote raised in a contested election case in San Antonio.

All Gresser gets five years at Leavenworth on a charge of attempting to assassinate his father at Fayetteville.

Former Rohan held up near Waxahatchie and robbed of \$70 and a horse.

Jury in the McFarlane murder case at Beaumont fail to agree and the judge faces the prisoner's bond at \$300.

Local.
Bayland Home matters. The Bassett home realizes \$200 for the orphanage.

Rev. J. M. Kiffin returns as pastor of the Second Baptist church.

Sam Hain waits to be collector of customs at Galveston.

C. Webb Breeding meets with a serious accident.

How Houston was established by the Alton.

Interesting sketch of mission work in Houston.

Early railroad building with Houston as the hub.

Illustrated sketch of Houston's police force.

Animations being prepared for the Washington street sewer.

An eloping couple taken back to paternal embrace.

A hold attempt at robbery.

The attractions for the carnival.

Father Brannan lectures on Repentance.

Rev. Mr. Smiley's sermon at the Presbyterian church.

The committee on work for the Grand Lodge concludes its labor and adjourns.

Meeting of the local poultry association.

Governor Hildard will lecture here Friday night.

New minister for the Evangelical Lutheran church.

The Boyce murder trial docketed for tomorrow.

Judge Tol will take his seat on the district court bench December 21.

Entertainment tonight at Saengerbund hall.

GERMANY'S SPY SYSTEM.

Revelations in the Recent Trials Cause Great Surprise.

HIGHER OFFICIALS ALL INVOLVED.

Von Tausch Has Powerful Backers.
Which Tends to Thwart His Enemies—Editor Arrested.

Berlin, December 12.—(Copyrighted 1896 by the Associated Press.)—The revelations of the Leutow trial and arrest of Baron Tausch, the commissioner of detectives, are having unimagined consequences, one of which is that the whole police spy system, as organized under Von Puttkamer and perfected under Zu-Eulenburg and Von Koeller, will be either modified or abolished. The cabinet has held daily sessions during the week elaborating a plan for bringing about one or the other of these results. The emperor on his return from Hanover and Bückburg has conferred with Count Zu-Eulenburg, Police Chief Windheim, Prince Von Hohenlohe and Baron Marshall Von Bieberten and it is reported in court circles that his majesty is in no way satisfied with the hold way in which Hohenlohe and Baron Von Marshall unearthed in court the police espionage whereof they have been the victims for years, believing that exposure will prejudice the house's authority and German influence abroad. A scene between the emperor and Baron Marshall at the new palace is reported to have been very animated. It is even claimed by some of the emperor's entourage that the minister for foreign affairs, Count von Holnstein, has been ordered to resign, but the emperor refused to accept it. It is certain, however, that the court clique hostile to Von Marshall, with Count Zu-Eulenburg at its head, is agitated in the ascendancy and unexpected developments will be looked for at any moment.

It is significant that his majesty conferred with everybody on the recent events here connected with Prince Hohenlohe and Baron Marshall. The emperor is convinced of the necessity of overhauling the detective service. It appears that Von Tausch has powerful and influential backers. His trial has been fixed for three weeks hence and it is not doubted that it will develop sensational facts.

It is interesting to note that Count Herbert Bismarck visited his father this week and that the next day the Reichstag adjourned. The adjournment was with an urgent demand that the backers and patrons of Von Tausch be unearthed and punished.

Herr Bebel, the socialist leader, has announced that he is going to make interesting revelations regarding the supporters of Von Tausch. The socialists intend to move in the Reichstag to eliminate from the case the so-called spy campaign.

One of the most sensational articles of the week appeared in the Vorwaerts, the socialist organ. It was entitled "Rigors of the Times," and in it the outspokenness of German political life was exposed in connection with the anti-revolutionary epoch in France. The Emperor, Count Von Waldersee and the Bismarcks are openly charged with having prompted Von Tausch in his past doings. Five hundred thousand copies of the Vorwaerts were sold on Tuesday before yesterday. Its editor was arrested in the streets. The remaining copies of the edition were confiscated. The Vorwaerts will be prosecuted for sedition.

Nearly all of the German papers strongly condemn the police spy system and agree that further disclosures are imminent.

President Cleveland's proclamation restoring tonnage dues has caused a great stir in government circles, where it is violently condemned. It is believed that Germany's remonstrances will lead to their withdrawal.

The Kreuz Zeitung says: As a matter of fact, the sixty many grudge against the French, that they have against us, for it is an established fact that German sugar pays America more than the treaty regulations fix. This is not even denied by the American and German papers, such as the Tagliche Rundschau and Deutsche Zeitung printed articles of like tenor.

Big collections have been made here in behalf of the Hamburg strikers. The sum of 163,000 marks was collected in one day here for their use. The socialists have called six huge mass meetings for Tuesday in order to express their sympathy with the strikers. The meeting will be addressed by the socialist members of the Reichstag.

There have been a number of excesses during the strike at Hamburg and numerous arrests have been made. Five hundred, however, are now weakening and at their meetings today there was a strong feeling in favor of peace negotiations. They appear inclined to patch up their dispute, as it is stated that the large sums of money collected for them are running out.

Held for Assault.
Longview, Texas, December 10.—About noon today as Miss Mamie Plannagan, daughter of Sam H. Plannagan, was going to the residence of a neighbor in the suburbs she was accosted by an unknown white man. He seized her, but with the aid of a negro woman, she escaped him and sought refuge in the negro's house. Sheriff Howard and posse were promptly in pursuit, with blood hounds, and soon captured the man, who was immediately identified by the young lady and others. He is still in jail.

Longview, Texas, December 12.—There were some fears of a lynching last night of the man who attempted to assault the daughter of Sam Plannagan yesterday, but the wise counsel of Sheriff Howard, County Treasurer Peaslee, County Attorney Beall and others prevailed, and all danger of extreme measures is at an end. We have a good jail, and as court meets next Monday there is no fear that swift justice will not be meted out to the miserable wretch in a legal way.

He says his name is Walter A. Appleby; that he was born at Eufrasia, Ala., has lived a number of years at Blakely, Ga., has a married sister at Lufkin, Texas, Mrs. S. C. Brack, another sister, Mrs. Dwyer, the wife of a cattleman at Claude, Texas. He says he is 41 years of age, a heavy drinker and a morphia addict, and claims to remember nothing in connection with the affair in which he is held.

Five Thousand Mile Tickets.
St. Louis, Mo., December 12.—The board of managers of the joint traffic association has approved the 5,000 mile interchange-

able mileage book for which commercial travelers and many passenger officials in western territory have been clamoring for some time. The books will be sold for \$100, will contain the photograph of the purchaser and will be good on lines of the central passenger committee.

Second District.
Fort Worth, Texas, December 12.—In the court of civil appeals today:

Motions submitted for rehearing—McGill vs. Day, from Baylor; Fort Worth and New Orleans Railway company vs. Hanger, from Tarrant; Western Industry company vs. Chandler, from Archer; Strong vs. bridge and iron company, from Tarrant; to substitute appeal bond, Zuberberger vs. Moore & Hyatt, from Tarrant, to dismiss appeal in the same case.

For additional conclusions—Lombardi vs. Shero, from Wichita.

To file record (agreement)—Texas and Pacific Railway company vs. Tackaberry, from Tarrant; Aetna Insurance company vs. Mulhall, from Tarrant.

Cases set for January 5.—Yockum vs. McCune, from Baylor; Bessie, from Tarrant; Kansas and Texas railway vs. Belcher, from Clay; Letcher vs. Bailey & Co., from Jones; Hurley vs. Bridge and iron company, from Tarrant; Olcott vs. Lawless, from Tarrant; Hurst vs. Dux, from Potter; Parker vs. Walker, from Donley; Smith vs. Chilton, from Comanche; Hill, ner vs. Bauer et al, from Howard.

Fort Worth, Texas, December 12.—Court of civil appeals today:

Motion for rehearing refused—Theodore Bland vs. State of Texas from Jones; House vs. Security Mortgage and Trust company, from Tarrant; Telegraph company vs. Clark et al, from Cooke; Baker vs. Miller, from Howard; Ramsey vs. Thomas, from Donley; Wallace vs. Byers Bros., from Clay; Hull vs. Woods, from Wise; Wright vs. Jones, from Jack.

Motion for rehearing granted and judgment affirmed—Ward vs. Elwood, from Wichita.

Cases reversed and remanded—Rogers Z Son vs. Tomlinson & Hyatt, from Tarrant; Cleveland company vs. Myers et al, from Tarrant; Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company vs. Armstrong, from Tarrant; Texas and Pacific Railway company vs. Payne, from Mitchell.

Dismissed—McCligh vs. Sparks, from Motley.

Affirmed—Harrison, executor, vs. Bridge and iron company, from Tarrant; Texas and Pacific Railway company vs. Maloney, from Tarrant; Evans Snyder Fuel company vs. First National bank of Amarillo, from Tarrant.

Victoria News Notes.
Victoria, Texas, December 11.—All day yesterday was consumed in securing a jury in the case of Babe Miller, charged with the murder of Dave Hallin, both colored, which occurred at the passenger depot in September last, the trial of the case began late in the afternoon and will occupy all of today.

A train of cattle were shipped from Beeville yesterday by Clark & Merchant to the St. Louis market. A Levi & Co. shipped one car from Victoria to the same place.

K. C. Gurney, superintendent of bridges and buildings, made a trip over the Victoria division today inspecting the properties under his care.

Mr. Ed East, formerly of Wichita Falls, Texas, who recently moved to Victoria, has returned from a trip to St. Louis and Kansas City on stock business; he is the local representative of Cassidy Bros. live stock commission men.

Mr. August Miller shipped about half a car of turkeys to Galveston yesterday.

Mr. C. W. Badell of Fort Lavaca was in the city yesterday buying groceries from local jobbers for his store in Fort Lavaca.

Wharton Local Notes.
Wharton, Texas, December 12.—The election of Dr. Bat Smith as president of the South Texas Medical association has delighted every one in this section. Dr. Smith is a skillful physician. He was educated in Paris, France, and gained renown in the city war in his youth and has since resided in Southwest Texas, where he has a large practice and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

Mrs. C. M. Hughes gave a high tea Friday complimentary to her sister, Miss Calie Hughes of Shiner.

The young people of Wharton enjoyed an evening party at the residence of Mr. J. E. Lee Friday night, a large crowd being present and a delightful evening passed by the guests.

Mr. John Rich is visiting his brother, Sheriff R. A. Rich, at his home in Wharton.

Miss Mary Hughes, after a pleasant visit to her friend, Mrs. J. P. Taylor, has returned to her home at Hungerford.

Building and Moving.
Georgetown, Texas, December 12.—This city is experiencing a building and moving boom at present.

C. L. Belford, the lumber merchant, has just completed a 1,000 residence.

R. W. Vard is erecting a business house for a general store.

C. L. Lindell, grocer, has moved into the Caruthers building.

W. C. Vard & Co., furniture, have moved into the Nelson building.

Fleeger & Whittenburg, druggists, have moved into the Steele building.

Woolsey & Watson will open a job printing office next week and Mr. Woolsey will move the Sentinel into it.

It is reported on very good authority that a new bank will be opened January 1 in the Dimmitt building.

Liberty Local.
Liberty, Texas, December 12.—Cotton still continues to come in right lively.

The farmers have about all marketed their rice crop. One of our energetic farmers remarked to The Post reporter today that he had cleared about \$14 per acre on his hundred acre rice farm this year. He sides with cultivated land in corn and potatoes. He did all of this with the help of his little son and improved machinery, making a total of \$1400 or made on rice alone.

Assessor's rolls show an increase of taxable values of property over last year's rendition of \$275,000. At the rate home-seekers are coming in and buying our land it will double the above amount next year.

Child Seriously Burned.
Glenrose, Texas, December 9.—What came near being a serious accident occurred at George's creek, eight miles east of Glenrose. A 3-year-old son of Dr. Grace, while playing around a fire in the back yard, ignited his clothing, and but for the timely aid of Mrs. Grace, whose hands were quite seriously burned while trying to extinguish the fire, would have been burned to death. The burns are quite serious on the chest and neck, but he is resting easily.

Wheat is promising a tall yield.

Oats are good. Cattle are in good shape. The movement of cattle is larger than for many years from this section and prices are reported good.

Santa Anna News.
Santa Anna, Texas, December 11.—H. C. Campbell and John Bullette of Claremore, O. T., large cattle men, have been in this vicinity for several days and have bought

several thousand cattle for feeding, which will be shipped at once.

Robert Henderson, who has been an employee of the Santa Fe railway for several years, left yesterday on a trip to Edinburgh, Scotland, to spend Xmas with old friends and acquaintances.

Cotton continues to come in, as the farmers are willing to take the market price for cotton now when it is on the decline, after having refused higher prices.

SHORT NEWS STORIES.

COLON.—Seven hundred laborers have arrived here to work on the Panama canal.

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The official trial of the new revenue cutter Walter Q. Gresham proved highly satisfactory.

CHICAGO.—Police raided five pool rooms in this city, placing the employees and scores of inmates under arrest.

NEW YORK.—Dr. Robert Black, grand commander of the Knights Templars of New York, died in Brooklyn, aged 85.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—Steam yacht Yamacoma, which has been chartered to carry dispatches from Havana to Key West, sailed from this port.

NEW YORK.—Edward Hale of Ireland won the six-day bicycle race, having ridden 510 miles from midnight last Sunday to 10 o'clock Saturday.

FRANKFORT, Ky.—The court of appeals has decided that Alfonso Walling must hang with Scott Jackson for the murder of Pearl Bryan.

BERLIN.—The Tagblatt says ex-Sultan Murad has escaped from the palace near Constantinople, where he has remained practically a prisoner since he became insane in 1878.

Omaha, Neb.—The aristocratic democratic organization of Omaha, the Jacksonian club, dropped from the rolls all who refused to support Bryan in the recent campaign. Those expelled included many prominent members throughout Nebraska, and all prominent Federal office holders.

Luling Local.
Luling, Texas, December 12.—In a special from this place December 8 The Post correspondent stated that Mr. H. Kilen-smith had bought the interest of his partner, Mr. R. Jacobs, in their store building. The special should have read that Mr. Kilen-smith had bought the interest of Mr. Jacobs in one of their storehouses, the building being a double one. The correction is made at the request of Mr. Jacobs.

Cotton is still rolling in at a rapid rate from the surrounding country, receipts being about fifty bales per day.

Ed Hackabee, living near Red Rock, of Silmon, was bitten Wednesday night by a skunk, while hunting. He thought that his dog had run a rabbit into a hollow log, and reached in to pull it out, when it bit him. Since, his arm has swollen to four times its natural size, and the wounds made by the animal's teeth have turned septic. He was carried to Austin for expert treatment.

Hunters are having fine sport shooting quail. Mr. McCallum and Dr. Bell as far as champions, with a score of thirty birds in one outing.

Large numbers attended the show at San Antonio yesterday and today. If the Houston Carnival is properly worked up here numbers will go to see it.

Meat Contracts Awarded.
Huntsville, Texas, December 12.—The award of contract for furnishing the penitentiaries with beef for 1897 resulted in same going to Mr. G. B. Skelton at Huntsville prison and Mr. E. B. Lockett at Rusk, their bids being the lowest, to-wit: \$4.78 per 100 lbs at Huntsville; \$4.74 at Rusk. Stall feed beef is called for six months in year, the best of range fed for remainder.

Struck by a Train.
Granbury, Texas, December 10.—While crossing the railroad track yesterday in a delivery wagon, Mr. Charles Neely's horse became frightened, throwing him in the lines and dragging him a distance sufficient to so seriously injure him that physicians think his recovery doubtful.

Mr. Neely is a racket merchant, dealing in groceries also under the firm name of Neely & Conkle.

His Home Insured.
Colmesneer, Texas, December 10.—Mr. Votaw, whose home was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, is in a happy mood today, having discovered that the insurance of \$1000 on his home, in the Fire Association of Philadelphia, was taken out for two years instead of one, and is yet intact. Mr. Votaw is a brickmason and a good citizen, and his friends are rejoiced at his good fortune in having had insurance on his home.

Information Wanted.
I would like to secure some information as to the whereabouts of my sister-in-law, Mrs. Martha Hankamer (nee Mrs. Martha Junghaus). When last heard from she was in Olive, Texas. I think she has relatives in or near Houston. Any information as to her whereabouts will be highly appreciated. Address, A. Yunghaus, No. 1624 South Third Street, Waco, Texas.

Double Suicide.
Boston, Mass., December 12.—Samuel B. Putnam, president of the Free Thought congress, and Mary L. Collins, both of Chicago, were found dead upon the floor of an apartment in St. Bologh street. The woman was 26 years of age and the man 30. A gas tank in the room was with open and the fumes of the gas had been the cause of death.

Burglars Make a Haul.
Beaville, Texas, December 12.—Burglars blew open a large money safe at Kohler & Heidenfeld's some time last night. They entered the house by a front window. Only \$150 was taken, 25 cents and three pieces of Mexican money being left in the drawers. No clue to the burglars has been reported.

Farmers Are Busy.
Elkhart, Texas, December 11.—Farmers in this section of the country are busy clearing land and getting ready for another crop. Some plowing is going on now. Winter pasture is very good.

Cotton is about all sold; 576 bales up to date, against 549 bales same day last year.

Vote of Washington.
Olympia, Wash., December 12.—The official vote of the State of Washington for the November election has just been completed by the secretary of state. The vote was: For Bryan, 54,634; McKinley, 35,274; Levering, 563; Palmer, 148.

Fell from a Wagon.
Kerrville, Texas, December 12.—Ed Goss was accidentally killed by falling from a wagon.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

RUSSO-CHINESE TREATY.

English Diplomats Do Not Seem to Admire It.

NORTH CHINA AT RUSSIA'S MERCY.

England Will Lose Oriental Trade Motor Traffic Between Liverpool and Manchester.

London, December 12.—(Copyrighted, 1896, by the Associated Press.)—The text of the Chinese treaty reproduced here from the North China Daily News, has aroused considerable discussion on all sides, and it is regarded as a matter of the greatest importance. Some of the newspapers refuse to believe it authentic, as it would be such a victory for Russian diplomacy. The Spectator today, however, believed it